

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL POSS DUPE

PAGE 01 NICOSI 02564 191126Z

46

ACTION NEA-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 EB-11 IO-14 OMB-01 EUR-25 NIC-01

CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-10

PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SPC-03 SS-20 USIA-15 DRC-01 /143 W

----- 041853

R 191100Z DEC 73

FM AMEMBASSY NICOSIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8081

C O N F I D E N T I A L NICOSIA 2564

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS

SUBJECT: SKYJACKING REACTION

1. UNIVERSAL REVULSION AS RESULT ROME MASSACRE AND SKY-JACKING HAS CONSTRAINED MEDIA CONDEMNATION FROM ALL BUT MOST RABID PRO-ARAB PRESS. LYSSARIDES' TA NEA, FOR EXAMPLE, ESCHEWS COMMENT.

2. HOWEVER COMMUNIST AND PRO-GOVT EDITS ATTEMPTED EXONERATE PLO WHILE ALLEGING "SINISTER ANTI-ARAB FORCES" MAY HAVE INSTIGATED EVENTS TO WEAKEN ARAB POSITION ON EVE GENEVA CONFERENCE.

3. CONSERVATIVE AGON ABHORS "MACABRE SCENE AT ROME AIRPORT" BUT ASSERTS "ROOT CAUSE OF THE HORRIBLE CRIME SHOULD NOT BE SOUGHT IN MINDS OF FANATIC ARAB YOUTHS, BUT IN HISTORY OF WRONG-DOING AND WRONGED NATIONS WITHOUT A FATHERLAND SUCH AS THE ISRAELIS AND THE PALESTINIANS." PRO-MAKARIOS PHILEFTHEROS HAS "NO HESITATION IN CONDEMNING LATEST RAID" BUT, FOLLOWING LINE APPARENTLY PEDDLED BY SOVIET EMBASSY, CLAIMS "IT WOULD NOT BE FAR-FETCHED TO WONDER IF ENEMIES OF ARAB CAUSE HAVE FINGER IN WHOLE OPERATION." IN COMMUNIST HARAVGHI'S WORDS "IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO BELIEVE THAT ON EVE OF GENEVA ANY RESPONSIBLE PALESTINE ORGANIZATION COULD ORDER BLOOD-THIRSTY AND REPULSIVE OPERATION WHICH ISRAEL AND OTHER

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 NICOSI 02564 191126Z

ARAB ENEMIES WILL WIDELY EXPLOIT."

4. PHILEFTHEROS EDITOR-IN-CHIEF KATSAMBAS TOLD US DEC.19
EDITORIAL DEEPLY EMBARRASSES HIM AND STEMS FROM PUBLISHER'S
BUSINESS DEALINGS WITH ARAB EXHIBITORS AT HIS ANNUAL TRADE
FAIR. INTERESTINGLY KATSAMBAS ADDED HARAVGHI
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF TOLD HIM YESTERDAY HE HAS NO PERSONAL DOUBTS
PLO INVOLVED BUT THAT EXONERATING COVER STORY WOULD BE
NECESSARY.

5. CONSERVATIVE ELEFThERIA CONDEMNED STRONGLY (QUOTE SENT VIA
USINFO). THOSE DAILIES NOT COMMENTING TO DATE MAKE CLEAR IN
HEADLINE TREATMENT THEY SHARE WIDESPREAD INDIGNATION.
MCCLOSKEY

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: AIRCRAFT HIJACKING, PRESS COMMENTS, PEACE TALKS, UNCONVENTIONAL WARFARE
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 19 DEC 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: morefirh
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973NICOSI02564
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: NICOSIA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19731216/aaaaalig.tel
Line Count: 73
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: morefirh
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 11 OCT 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <11-Oct-2001 by rowelle0>; APPROVED <15-Nov-2001 by morefirh>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SKYJACKING REACTION
TAGS: PINS, CY, IT, XF
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005